

The Cherokee Chat

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Welcome to our newest member!

~ Our newest minister member, Rev. Ron Stoker was examined and received on January 22 to serve as Pastor of Macland Presbyterian Church effective February 1, 2011. Ron and his wife Dawn have two sons: Clayton (7) and Sullivan (4). Ron is transferring from New Hope Presbytery in North Carolina.

~ Rev. Chuck Swann (Western North Carolina Presbytery) is retiring from the pastorate of Faith Church, Canton and will be succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Abraham Luckhoff effective January 20. "Brahm," as he is known, will be Stated Supply Pastor at Faith. He was ordained in South Africa and is an Honorably Retired Minister Member of Elizabeth Presbytery in New Jersey.

We have a new Moderator

At the January 22 Stated Meeting, Elder Velma Tilley (Cartersville First) was installed as Moderator of Cherokee Presbytery. She appointed Rev. Pete Paulsen as Discernmentarian, Rev. John Spangler as Parliamentarian, and Elder Betty Cheek (Presbytery Staff) Recording Clerk. Velma was presented the Moderator's Cross by Mrs. Mark P. (Donna) Weaver. Mark preceded Velma as Moderator until the time of his death on May 13, 2010. The Cross had been temporarily retired.

An important thing to do before it's too late:

Dan Turk, mission co-worker in Madagascar, is home on furlough until July. He would LOVE to come to your church to share information about his ministry, either from the pulpit or at a family-night gathering. He and his wife Elizabeth are staying at Mission Haven in Decatur and are easy to reach: daniellturk@hotmail.com, or 404-373-3733. Get your calendar out and call him up!

Presbytery Events for your calendar:

~ The Annual Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Celebration will be Saturday, February 12, 2011, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, with supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m.

~ The Annual Winter Leadership Event will be on Saturday, February 19, 2011, 8:15 to 2:30, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Marietta. Sponsored by the Nurturing Disciples Team and Spiritual Development Team, the event theme is *What Is Spirituality?* The event features Keynote Speaker Rev. Julie Johnson, 8 morning workshops, lunch, and 7 afternoon workshops. Cost per person is \$20.

~ The 104th Annual Presbyterian Women Gathering will be Saturday, March 12, 2011, 8:15 to 2:00 at Heritage Presbyterian Church in Acworth. Cost per person is \$10.

~ The next stated meeting of Cherokee Presbytery will be Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1941 Shorter Avenue, Rome 30165.

Debate and Vote on New Form of Government

Elder Commissioners and Minister Members have been given printed material and the task of preparation for debate and vote on the PCUSA New Form of Government (N-Fog) on March 22, 2011. Material is available to anyone at <http://oga.pcusa.org/formofgovernment/>. The March 22, 2011 Stated Meeting will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Proposed Amendments to the Constitution are being voted on in three parts, the N-Fog being the second vote for Cherokee Presbytery. Results of presbytery actions are being posted on the PCUSA website: www.pcusa.org.

Peter Block Book Discussion

Anyone interested in discussing Peter Block's book, "Community: The Structure of Belonging" which Rebecca referred to in her Blog of November 24, is invited to bring lunch to the presbytery office on Wednesday, February 2 at 11:30. You are also invited to invite others if you wish.

One Church, 42 Locations, Following Christ Together

January 30, 2011 – Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week: First Presbyterian Church, Calhoun, which is in Gordon County where they relocated from downtown to 829 Redbud Road near I-75. Calhoun First PC was organized in 1847 as Mt. Zion PC. The Reverend Pete Ullmann is Pastor, and Laurie Kersey is Clerk of Session.

February 6, 2011 – Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week: Calvary Presbyterian Church, organized in 1959, is in SW Cobb County at 76 Windy Hill Road in Marietta. The Reverend Peter M. (Pete) Paulsen is Stated Supply Pastor. David Boozer is the Clerk of Session. Active membership is 58.

Presbytery Calendar:

February 2, 11:30 – David Block book discussion over lunch
February 5, 10:00 to Noon – Spiritual Development Team
February 5, 10:00 a.m. – Amendments Discussion, Kirkwood
February 7 – Tri-Presbytery Campus Ministry @ Berry
February 10, 10:00 a.m. – Lectio Divina at Lydia Cottage
February 10, 5:00 p.m. – Presbytery Coordinating Team
February 11, 1:00 – 3:00, Amendments Discussion, Covenant
February 12, 5:30 – Tri-Presbytery New Church Celebration
February 15, 6:00 p.m. – Committee on Preparation
February 16 – Spiritual Development Cluster Leaders w/lunch
February 19 – Winter Leadership Event @ Eastminster PC
February 23 – Deadline for online statistics for sessions
February 27, 4:00 p.m. – Installation of Ron Stoker
February 28, 1:00 – Mission Team @ presbytery office
March 3-4 – Spring Stated Synod Meeting, Trinity PC Atlanta
March 4 – Amendments Discussion, Grace PC, Dawsonville
March 10, 10:00 a.m. – Lectio Divina at Lydia Cottage
March 22, 5:30 p.m. – Stated Presbytery Meeting,
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rome
June 5, 2011 – First Day of Summer Camp

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